

# PREPAREDNESS IS THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP OUT OF WAR; WE NEED AN ARMY

(BY G. A. M.)

"There are some who decry taking any precautions or making any preparations of the military power of the nation because they say it will not prevent war but will provoke it. Men and nations must prepare to meet their responsibilities; if it is inadvisable to develop strength sufficient to repel wrong because such developed strength may be misused, human nature has indeed reached an impasse. Why should it be presumed that a just man or a just nation will cease to be just because it has the power to be unjust? We must either trust others or trust ourselves."

**T**HUS briefly, to the mind of The Herald, secretary Garrison disposes of the anti-preparedness talk in one paragraph, in his annual message. "We must either trust ourselves or trust others." There is much in that sentence. If we cannot trust ourselves to build up an army lest we be led into unrighteousness; to fighting battles of conquest; to waging war for the sake of waging it, then we must disarm and trust to the generosity of other nations not to attack us.

We might carry it further and say we could disarm the forces we now have and trust to the people in the United States never to do anything that we might need an army to suppress. Of course, the Mexicans would never shoot into this country—nothing like that would ever happen if we had no army at all. We could trust them, at least that is the argument in effect of the peace propagandists.

As The Herald has often said, no man need become a bully merely because he is powerful enough to whip another man less strong physically. Few men do. The average big, healthy, clean man, trained in the art of self defense, "prepared for action" as it were, is seldom the man seen in a street brawl. Fighting is usually done by the other sort. The man who is able to take care of himself, seldom finds himself called upon to put up a defense; you never hear of him picking a quarrel with another man. He is not of that type.

We hire police, not to arrest men after crimes have been committed, but to prevent crimes. We take out fire insurance on our homes and business institutions, not that we want to burn them, but as protection against fire.

We take out life insurance to be prepared against death; as protection for our families. Why, then, is it a crime to prepare against war? The mere act of preparation does not mean participation.

There is no glory in a war fought for conquest and no president of the United States, no secretary of war, no congress—no matter how well equipped—would want to fight a war merely because they had the men and material to fight it with, least of all in a republic like the United States, where the sentiment of all the people decides the future political welfare of every man with ambition.

Could a president, armed no matter how well, with an army no matter what size, rush the United States into an unjust war and emerge with the approval of the people? Without approval behind him, no man would dare embark on such a venture. It would mean his political annihilation and every man with a grain of sense knows it. War would carry down to death and disability, the flower of the country—as it has always done—and the condemnation from the surviving relatives would be such, if the war was an unjust war.

that the man or men who started it, would be forever buried in oblivion. Therefore, it cannot be argued that with a large army, our presidents and our congresses would be prone to hasten into a conflict. This nation has never entered upon a war without popular approval behind its responsible officials and it never will, no matter what size army we may have.

It does not take a statesman to point out to us what has happened to the weak, the unprepared, in wars. China, Belgium, Serbia all are recent examples. Without the force necessary to back up their arguments, they have been engulfed by the more powerful.

Perhaps this great European war WAS the result of preparedness on the part of a nation or nations anxious to demonstrate their military skill in conquest. But the nations of Europe involved in the war (France excepted) are not republics like the United States. Their rulers are not responsible to the people, as the rulers of the United States are. To combat just such an irresponsible force, we must be prepared. Weak and unprepared, we would be taken unawares and crushed until such time as, at terrible cost, we could recover and shake off the monster that had gripped us.

War will never be brought on by the United States except to preserve our nationality or in the cause of humanity. We were stronger than Mexico, but, after going into Veracruz, we withdrew. Because of our strength we were not led into anything unrighteous there. The president would even have had sentiment back of him had he continued to march his forces to Mexico City, once he had landed there in Veracruz, but they were withdrawn. Strength did not make us aggressive.

There is no legitimate reason for opposing the increase of the army and every reason for supporting it. Just what success will attend the presidential plans for a "Continental Army" of reserves and for reserves for the regular army, is a question that must be solved by the future. The plan for a continental army, prob-

ably, is as good as any of the others suggested for augmenting the regular army. Any plan would be an experiment and we might as well experiment with this as with any other. The secretary says if it is not a success, compulsory military service will be the next step. We are almost inclined to say that we ought to hope for its failure, if compulsory service would be the result, for compulsory service is a thing that should be brought about. It would assure us of preparedness and would result in physically better young men throughout the country.

Compulsory service in the regular army with no "Continental Army"—just one big regular army, training young men constantly and turning them out into a reserve corps, would, in the opinion of The Herald, be the most effective step towards continued preparedness that could be taken. It would also result in a nation of better men, of stronger men, and it would have the advantage of training all instead of a few of our young men to take care of themselves in the event of war. The president and the secretary want to try the experiment of a continental army, however, so let the experiment go forward. The Herald is not concerned so much with this as with the regular army. We need a larger regular, standing army and the American nation should support congress and the president in their creation of one. We may then hope for the time when compulsory service will come, when our army will be made still larger, when the enlistment period for active service shorter and for the reserves longer; when every young man will have to go through at least a year's training. Then will America truly be prepared for defense, and against the palaver of the anti-preparedness advocates, for with their own sons and brothers as a part of this great army, as every son and brother would have to be at one time or another, the cry that is now raised against the menace of a standing army could not be repeated. It is the surest way to protect a nation.

## Short Snatches From Everywhere.

Mr. Bryan seems to have his dates mixed. This isn't the millennium.—Kansas City Star.

There seem to be two sorts of neutrality—neutrality and Greek neutrality.—Kansas City Star.

It would help some if the Hague peace tribunal would pacify Mr. Bryan.—Chicago Daily News.

Somebody with a "just as good" substitute for food can make a hit in Europe just now.—Boston Herald.

Every time Mr. Wilson thinks up a new plank Mr. Bryan obligingly walks it.—New York Evening Sun.

It must be said that the allied western drive is not exceeding the speed limit.—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Mr. Mellen says he is through with railroads for good, and it's an easy guess whose good.—Columbia (S. C.) State.

It is only a question of time when some of these war-brides of Wall street will be suing for maintenance.—New York Telegraph.

It is with some wistfulness that the colonel remarks that the greatest role in the world is that of a mother.—Honolulu Star Bulletin.

Remember, too, there are no great ammunition factories on those western roads that are reporting increased traffic.—Indianapolis News.

A man who fell off an elephant in the New York zoo is bringing suit for damages. Has the colonel thought of that?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

With thirty-one living children Yuan Shi Kai shows his intention of being something more than a metaphorical father of his country.—Chicago Daily News.

In his most sanguine hopes president Wilson could hardly have expected to put Huerta in an American prison, but there he is.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

An excellent fire-prevention and safety-first means would be to require a number of the firm to be padlocked in the center of the plant during working hours.—Buffalo Enquirer.

## El Paso Is Best City West of the Mississippi Automatic Pistols Change Looks of Wounds

**T**RAVELLING around, as I do, I have a chance to observe cities in different parts of the country and I have decided that El Paso is the best business city west of the Mississippi. said C. H. Lester, "father of the Borderland route," who has decided to make his home in El Paso this winter. "I have no money invested in El Paso, I have no interest in this city except that I have many friends here and like the people. For that reason I believe I can judge as fairly as it is possible for anyone to judge a city and I would not hesitate to go on record as saying that El Paso is the liveliest, most going city I have seen on all of my trips."

"The study of gunshot wounds is interesting to one who is familiar with different types of guns," said chief deputy sheriff N. Stanley Good. "The old style gun, with ordinary powder, left powder burns around a wound if the shot was fired at close range, as in the case of a suicide. The new automatic pistol, with the smokeless powder, can be fired at a distance of several inches and leave no trace of powder. One who knows nothing of the effects of the new type of pistol and the new powder is often surprised not to find powder burns, and will seriously question the assertion

that the shot was fired at close range, as in the case of a suicide."

"Shooting irons, as the easterners like to call them when they get out this way, are a matter of choice for real working purposes," said deputy United States marshal Jere DuBoise. "The new automatics are all right for the fellow who likes them, but for the man who has handled and shot with the old Colt revolvers, it comes much quicker and shoots truer in a scrap."

"El Paso is showing signs of recognizing what an adequate budget fund can do with proper advertising allowances," said Henry S. Beach. "The budget fund collectors of the chamber are going after the sign, as a result of working for a sum sufficient to enable the commerce body here to hit the advertising rail a good, clean, heavy blow with the hammer of scientific and systematic expenditure for publicity purposes where publicity will do the most real, efficient good."

"The Eagles of El Paso have made good gains in membership as a result of a special dispensation lowering the membership fee, coupled with active campaigning by the membership," said J. S. W. Doupe, secretary of the local association. "The weekly social sessions that are held have proved a very enjoyable feature of the league work and promote the fraternal spirit. The local aeris is

in very good shape and is one of the most wideawake in the southwest."

"I find when I go out to enlist the money and sympathy of El Pasoans," said J. H. Nations, "that the positions which were once occupied by my old friends are now occupied by younger men. Upon all sides I find that this is the day of the young man and, being so, he should have some influence to hold him both steady and steadfast and I know of no such influences that excel that of the Young Men's Christian association."

"I had a friend come out here to the State Democratic convention in 1914," said J. B. Badger. "He was from Galveston. He told me that he would have brought his wife along but did not know that he would be able to get anything like modern accommodations. He was a very much surprised man to find that El Paso is a thoroughly metropolitan place and that it caters to every demand for creature comfort. I do not know how we can break down this idea that still holds, not only in eastern cities, but in east Texas as well. They must know that we are alert, alive and enterprising and when they do they will place El Paso on their itinerary instead of going to the coast by way of Denver and Salt Lake."

## Commends Sweater Fund of Herald

Editor El Paso Herald: Please find enclosed check for \$2 to aid in "Sweater Fund." The cause is a most commendable one and I hope it will meet with a generous response. G. A. Critchett.

## ABE MARTIN



## Clocks Found Where There Is Civilization Remind Men They Are 15 Minutes Behind Time

By GEORGE FITCH.

**W**HEREVER you find civilization, there also you will find the clock busily reminding man that he is fifteen minutes behind the world and that unless he hustles like thunder he will have all the skin on his heels worn off by the onrushing future.

The world has not always had clocks. Once mankind told time by the sun alone. Adam counted time by days, and it took him over 12 years to become a grandfather. Then the hour glass was invented and man told time by hours. Our courts still do business 8 o'clock until 2 o'clock and most of them are two years behind. When the clock was finally devised man began telling time by minutes. But clocks are going out of date in bustling countries because they do not have second hands and the man who does not carry a watch is likely to be even 15 minutes behind by 450 worth of time.

Clocks are of various sizes and tell time by hours of different sizes too. The clock in the church sometimes takes hours two days behind. The clock in the home of beautiful young daughters has hours which are so short that a young man will frequently use up four of them while trying to tell a girl good-night. Clocks in schools and offices have only two hours—lunch



hour and quitting hour. The clock in Congress has a wonderful, elastic hour which is frequently stretched clear out

into the next day, when Congress is too busy to adjourn at noon.

There are three kinds of clocks—alarm clocks, alarm clocks and wedding clocks. Alarm clocks tell a man he ought to get up by exploding in the early morning hours with a soul-scaring flying din, which they keep up until hit with a chair. Formerly millions of alarm clocks were sold, but the manufacturers are now making them so durable and effective that no one will buy them. Alarm clocks are useful but unpopular, like alarm statements. Real clocks are kept on the mantelpiece and serve to keep the meals waiting for the husband instead of letting him wait for meals. Wedding clocks are used for funerals and marriages. After a man has wound a wedding clock once a day for a year, he has a magnificently developed thumb and forefinger, but he is also likely not to be living two weeks ahead of the calendar and to be getting his breakfast in the afternoon.

Two classes of men are inveterate clock watchers—lazy men and ambitious men. The lazy man watches the clock in order to find out just when to stop working. The ambitious man watches it to see if he can't crowd more work into an hour than he did the day before. Clocks are used in all kinds of businesses, except on branch line railroads, where the trains are run by the almanac.—(Protected by Adams Newspaper Service.)

## Bedtime Story For the Little Ones

"Uncle Wiggly and the Broken Window." By HOWARD E. GARIS.

**"W**HERE is now, Uncle Wiggly?" asked Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady housekeeper, as she saw the nice old gentleman rabbit going out of his hollow stump bungalow one morning.

"Oh, just for a walk," he answered. "It is nice out, though a bit cool, and it looks like snow. But a walk will do me good."

"And I suppose you hope you will have an adventure, do you not?" asked the muskrat lady.

"I certainly do," answered Uncle Wiggly, smiling so that his whiskers went up and down like a jumping-jack climbing the wallpaper. "An adventure a day will keep bad luck away."

Then, whistling gaily, and swinging his red, white and blue striped barber pole rheumatism crutch, he was not limping much that day, Uncle Wiggly started off.

He had not gone very far, as they say in story books, before he came to a place in the snow where he saw the marks of tiny feet.

"I ought to know who made those marks," said Uncle Wiggly. "They are marks of the queer marks I make, or that Sammie Littlefoot, the rabbit boy, makes either. They are too small to be the marks of Jimmie Whiskerwhistle, the boy duck. Billie Wagtail, the goat, makes a sort of double mark with his hoofs. But these are tiny footprints in the snow, and I know Jollie and Jille Longtail, the mice children, made them. They must have been out here playing."

"Well, I haven't seen Jollie and Jille for quite a while," went on the rabbit gentleman, "nor Squeakie-Eekie, the cousin mouse, either, so I guess I'll just drop around to their mouse-hole house and see how they are. Mrs. Longtail may give me a dish of cheese pudding."

Uncle Wiggly soon found himself in front of the hole in a hollow tree where the mouse family lived. The bunny uncle knocked on the side of the hard door, and waited. Pretty soon he heard a crying noise.

"Well, I hope nothing has happened," he said to himself. "I hope neither Jollie nor Jille nor yet Squeakie-Eekie has been caught in a trap. I must go in and see what is the matter."

Without waiting for any of the mouse children to open the door of the hole-house, Uncle Wiggly went in. There he saw Jollie and Jille with their paws around the neck of Squeakie-Eekie, who was crying so hard that her tail wobbled.

"Why? Why? What's all this about?" asked Uncle Wiggly. "What does this mean, children?"

"We don't know," answered Jollie. "Squeakie-Eekie won't tell us why she is crying," added Jille. "She just came in a while ago from having been out playing with my doll carriage, and she began to cry and she hasn't stopped yet."

"Oh, dear! Bon-hoo! Hoo-hoo!" sobbed the little cousin mouse. "I am so miserable!"

"There, there, now," said Uncle Wiggly kindly, as he took her up on his lap. "You just tell your old bunny uncle all about it, Squeakie."

"I—I don't want Jollie or Jille to hear it," said Squeakie-Eekie. "Well, they can go over in the corner and you can whisper it to me," Uncle Wiggly said.

So the little cousin mouse whispered this in the big ear of the rabbit gentleman.

"I was out playing with Jille's doll carriage—and it—it slipped away from me down hill and ran away and went in a big drift of snow, and I can't find it. And I'm afraid to tell Jille, for she liked her doll carriage very much. That's why I'm crying."

"Is your doll lost, too?" Uncle Wiggly wanted to know.

"She fell out of the carriage and I picked her up," spoke the little cousin mouse. "But, oh, dear! What shall I do?"

"Leave it to me—I'll fix it," Uncle

## 14 YEARS Ago Today

From The Herald of This Date, 1901.

City electrician Jerry Faulconer is putting in two 2500 candle power arc lights in the fire department hall this afternoon. "El Paso is standing around watching him do the job, which is to shed considerable light on the annual election of officers to take place here."

John Swor and Mrs. Swor left today for Aguascalientes.

N. F. Adams and Mrs. Adams have left for Mexico City.

John F. Goble and W. J. Martin departed early this evening for Monterey.

Mrs. M. C. Hull, of Atlanta, Ga., mother of El Paso's E. E. Hull, is visiting her son here.

The partnership between A. E. Harlow and S. E. Murry, known as the Washington Dairy company, has been dissolved.

At the meeting of the country commissioners today, A. Kaplan read his full report, which took up the bulk of the business.

This lovely carriage, and I'll let her play with it."

So this teaches us that empty spoils are good for something else than making a rattle-string for the baby, and to the clothes wringer doesn't pinch the cake of soap and make it turn blue in the face I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggly and the bad cat.—Copyright, 1915, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

Who remembers when th' two ole parties used t' have a little sympathy fer th' taxpayer? When th' boss becomes an ornament th' goin' t' be some awful ornaments.

## French Woman Is Wed to Soldier Three Weeks Dead, But Gets Pension

Paris, France, Dec. 10.—A young Parisian woman is in a curious situation. On Nov. 17 she was married by proxy to Sergt. Joseph Condouche, but she was informed officially later that Sergt. Condouche had been dead three weeks.

Although the marriage is invalid in law, the authorities, taking account of Sergt. Condouche's intentions, will give the woman a widow's pension.

## RIFLE CLUB IS BEING FORMED IN DOUGLAS SCHOOL

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 10.—Lieut. E. B. Garay and principal M. H. Blume of the Douglas high school are making arrangements for the formation of a rifle club in the school. It is expected to have about 50 members, to start. The government will furnish rifles for the purpose.

## More Truth Than Poetry

**Two at a Time.**  
"The Panama canal has closed with \$2,000,000 profit. The Panama canal has also closed. But not with a profit of \$2,000,000."

**Too Bad.**  
The celebration of Thomas Mott Osborne's first year at Sing Sing was marred to some extent by the absence of some of the convicts who have so far strayed from the straight and narrow path as to be sent to jail.

**Unsportsmanlike.**  
We admit the value to the public health of swatting the fly during his winter sleep, but it seems like a mean trick.

**Merely a Matter of Habit.**  
Wood as an article of diet will have no terrors for the Germans. Haven't they been eating pumpernickel for hundreds of years?

**Antagonizing.**  
What Bryan cannot understand about Henry Ford is how Henry can bear to spend all that money.

**Short Sport.**  
Inasmuch as the czar of Russia got into the big fight to back up Serbia,

one cannot have much sympathy with king Peter's wall of, "You made me what I am today" addressed to that potentate.

**A Question of Precedence.**  
Suffrage to go before cabinet says president.—Evening Mail headline. But when is the cabinet to go?

**Economy.**  
A paper has figured out that it will cost \$44.50 per head to celebrate New Year's eve properly. Still that is cheaper than making the same amount of noise with a 42-centimeter howitzer.

**Why, Henry!**  
Mr. Ford says he is going to cross German territory whether he gets a passport or not, which looks very much like violating neutrality.

**Safety First.**  
As we predicted, Mr. Bryan did not go alone. His specialty is startling trouble, not stopping it.

**Without Prejudice.**  
However, let it be distinctly understood that justice Hughes hasn't forbidden any other state organization to nominate him for president.

**Liquors Intended For Dry.**  
The day before Christmas promises to loom large for G. B. Joy and his confederates in the opportunity to purchase holiday spirits at bargain prices, for Uncle Sam's deputy marshals in El Paso have planned an auction sale to be staged that day, of wine and brandy seized for illegal interstate consignment. Most of the liquors were started for "dry" Arizona, but were stopped at this point.

A dollar saved by buying goods produced elsewhere is a dollar thrown at your neighbor's birds.

## The Daily Novelette THE HERO.

Consider now the snake watch Which seems to be

A thing we hear a lot about And never see.

**"W**HAT! What!" roared the big man in a voice of thunder. "Who's a liar?"

"You are!" replied the little man firmly.

"What! What!" yelled the big man in a voice of thunder and lightning.

"You heard what I said," retorted the little man. "And if you give me any more of your cheek I'll—oh I tell you!"

"What! What!" boomed the big man, and his face grew black as two acres of spades, but the little man wasn't cowed in the least. He made a mocking face.

"Yes, I dare you, you little envenomed shrimp, you sawed-off, hammered down, squeezed-together, condensed—"

There was a sharp click. The little man had hung up, cutting the big man off short, just as he had so fearlessly threatened.

**E. S. CAN RECEIVE SUPPLY OF DYESTUFFS FROM GERMANY**  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Arrangements have been completed between the American and British governments whereby American merchants will be able to secure from Germany sufficient dyestuffs for their immediate needs.

Negotiations with Germany based upon this assurance, it is learned have begun informally by the state department, with a view of persuading the imperial government to permit the exportation of dyestuffs, with out receiving concessions, which it heretofore has demanded, of foodstuffs or cotton from the United States.

## The Pauper

**T**HE sad and seedy pauper has no one for a friend; his life has been improper, and now it nears the end. Some cold and frosty morning will see him borne away, another awful warning, to sleep till Judgment Day. And once he was as gilded as any blithesome swain, and palaces he built among the hills of Spain. He had his golden vision, when he was young, like you; the future was elysian, in his ecstatic view. When they have laid the pauper behind the old gray kirk, they'll say, "He came a cropper, because he wouldn't work. Fair visions he was viewing, of fortune and renown, but when it came to doing, he wouldn't buckle down. He took it out in dreaming of wealth in vast amounts, while t'other lads were scheming to swell their bank accounts. And so we plant his system behind this old stone barn, and not a soul has missed him, and no one cares a darn." Oh, golden youth, get busy, while you possess the years, and labor till you're dizzy, like granddaddy's brindled steers. Yield not to visions fruitless, but make the kettle boil; for visions all are bootless which are not backed by toil.

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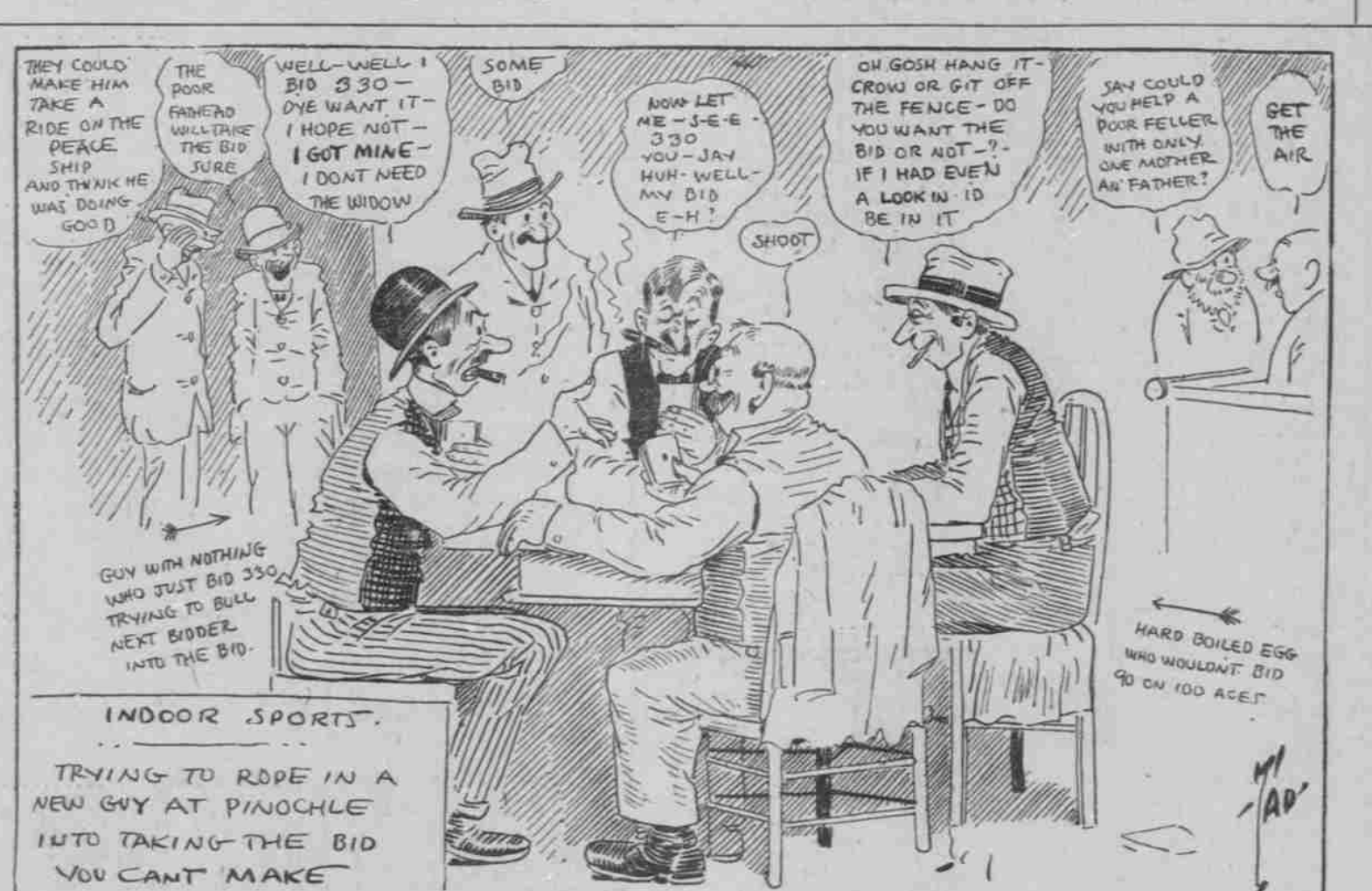
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INTO TAKING THE BID YOU CAN'T MAKE

GUY WITH NOTHING WHO JUST BID 350 TRYING TO BULL NEXT BIDDER INTO THE BID.

WELL-WELL! BID 330—DYE WANT IT—I HOPE NOT—I GOT MINE—I DON'T NEED THE WIDOW

OH GOSH HANG IT—CROW OR GIT OFF THE FENCE—DO YOU WANT THE BID OR NOT—I IF I HAD EVEN A LOOK IN ID BE IN IT

SAN COULD YOU HELP A POOR FELLOW WITH ONLY ONE MOTHER—AN FATHER?

GET THE AIR

SHOOT

HARD BOILED EGG WHO WOULDN'T BID 90 ON 100 ACE

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